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It certainly looks as tho the brotherhood meant to furnish the 500 new subscribers. We shall make weekly reports of the progress toward the 500, the record for the following week always closing on Saturday evening. The total number received up to Saturday evening (December 24) is 75. We hope to be able to report the first 100 next week. Beginning with the new year, why can we not add 100 each week during the month of January? That with the 100 will give us 500. We urge upon our pastors, agents and all others interested to push the work as rapidly as possible. Remember that a new subscriber is not necessarily one who has never taken the paper before. Any one not taking the paper will be considered a new subscriber. There are several thousand such in the brotherhood. Canvass your field thoroughly. Do not forget our motto, "The EVANGELIST in Every Home in the Brotherhood"

Our Premium Offer

Our premium offer for new subscribers is continued, tho the list of premiums does not appear in this issue. If you have forgotten what these premiums are, look at last week's paper. The list will appear again next week. We have sent hundreds of the Colportage Library books to those who have secured subscribers, and we hope to have the privilege of sending many hundreds more. We again call attention to the fact that young people's societies and Sunday school can easily earn for themselves a valuable library of 57 volumes. Why not do it?

Please Notice

If you have renewed your subscription and the label on your paper does not appear changed, do not be alarmed. At this time of the year it requires at least two weeks from the time the subscription is received till the change can be made. If the change is not made within three weeks please write us.

It costs but one dollar to have the BRETHREN EVANGELIST sent one year to some friend, and yet that little act may be the means of saving a soul, or of bringing some wanderer back to the Father's house. Of such an instance we make note on our editorial page. Could any one make a better investment? Have you a dollar to invest in that way?

Brief Notes

During the recent very cold weather the big coal trusts promptly advanced the price of coal. People had to have it, you know, and altho the burden fell on the very poor, increasing their sufferings ten fold, nevertheless that is not a matter of any importance along side of bigger profits and increased dividends for the millionaire coal dealers. We wonder if these people are not afraid of a judgment to come.

The world is not quite as bad as it might be, altho it seemed for awhile that the Chicago section of it had about gone to the dogs. But the indignation of the citizens defeated the proposed street railway steal, and the hosts of bribery and corruption retired crest fallen. There was more raw material for righteous indignation in Chicago than we had imagined.

The brutal bike race in Madison Square Garden, lasting six days and covering 2,000 miles, came to an end last week amid universal disgust. These exhibitions together with prize fights are a little lower than foot ball, belonging, all, to the kangaroo style of athletics which flourishes best in the absence of brains. Perhaps disgust is a good moral physic; if so these contests may serve a useful purpose after all.

The prospects for the liberation of captain Dreyfus, the French Captain of Jewish faith who has been so shamefully persecuted, grow brighter daily. The world had begun to believe that French justice was the next step below Spanish honor, and it is more than likely that this opinion of the civilized world had something to do with the favorable turn this matter has taken in the French courts.

A certain Rev. Henry Frank of New York City wins the notoriety he covets by "confessing" that Bob Ingersoll is right. This alleged preacher, who will doubtless return at once to the obscurity from which this public utterance momentarily lifts him, should at least study his Judas part so as to act it with less asininity. There are some long eared specimen in the sensational pulpit who imagine that their strident he hawing will starile the world. In forty-eight hours the world will not know that the Rev. Mr. Frank exists, —he is forgotten already.

The treaty of Paris signed week before last, which is a statement we may read carelessly without reflecting upon its meaning, the vast difference it makes in the geography of two nations, and perhaps in the destiny of both. But the most impressive thought in regard to this historic transaction is that it marks the birth of two new nations, Cuba and the Philippines. These healthy looking infants are now in Uncle Sam's cradle, where they will have to take some maternal nourishment until they grow to be big enough and strong enough to toddle on their own legs. That time will soon come, and these peoples will soon be numbered among the independent nations of the world. Let us trust that they will begin and persevere in a record of righteousness and prosperity.

The death of General Garcia, the Cuban hero, which occurred at Washington last week, is one of the most pathetic events of history. After sixty years of battling for his country's freedom, he lived to see the defeat of his Spanish jailor and oppressor; he lived to see the single star of his banner rejoicingly wave over emancipated Cuba. He was sent to Washington to confer on the future government of the island; while there he learned, even on his sick bed, that the treaty of Paris had been signed, and then, at the very climax of joy and victory, breathed out his soul into the eternities. Henceforth his place is among the immortals of history, among those who lived and died for the fatherland, and for the people of their love. How sublime is the vicarious life and death, even among mortals.

President McKinley's recent visit to the South, and his reception in Atlanta, at the brilliant peace jubilee there, is a historic event of great interest and importance. The enthusiasm of the southern people was received with rapturous applause, particularly

the eloquent sentiment of the distinguished visitor concerning the reunited country. Read it. What a magnificent paragraph it is. "Reunited!" Glorious realization! It expresses the thought of my mind and the long-deferred consummation of my heart's desire as I stand in this presence. It interprets the hearty demonstration here witnessed and is the patriotic refrain of all sections and of all lovers of the republic. Reunited—one country again and one country forever. Proclaim it from the press and the pulpit; teach it in the schools; write it across the skies. The world sees and feels it; it cheers every heart North and South and brightens the life of every American home. Let nothing ever strain it again. At peace with all the world and with each other, what can stand in the pathway of our progress and prosperity?"

Who hides a sin is like a hunter who

Once warmed a frozen adder with his breath,
And when he placed it next his heart it flew

With poisoned fangs, and stung that heart to death.

—J. B. O'Reilly.

Church News

Additional

Notes From Zed H. Copp

Since our last report we have changed our residence. It is now 27 N. Western Avenue. The morning of moving the mercury was nine degrees below zero. The reason of removal is because we could not see our way to continue paying a high rental and also get the bare necessities of life. At present our labor is confined to Bear Creek and Dayton. If the general Brotherhood is as tired of reading begging lines from their missionaries as we are of writing them I am sure it must be painful to their optic nerves to have to read them week after week. I do mightily wish that this Christmas season may prove a great stimulus to emulate our God in mission work. He gave the best to this cause. If those who have and can give would do so what a great help it would be to God and humanity. No one can do the best work in any profession who has to labor with one hand and fight the wild beast of want from the family door with the other.

There lives down in the Virginias a noble browed and noble bred mother in Israel who out of her living sent us, December 10, \$10, as a Christmas gift. Such as she is never get rich, except in faith and good works. When I get up home I shall look for this dear one among the court ladies of heaven and expect to find her crowned empress of the earth, and carrying the keys to God's great treasury for mankind. She has proved by a life of real sacrifice that she is well worthy of such high honors.

Bear Creek has another great big hearted and well filled pocket booked brother in Rev. Henry Murr. He came in with his team that cold morning and moved our goods, laboring willingly with his hands. Sister Murr sent in a whole chicken dinner for about fifteen. Brother and Sister Murr have been to us as assistant parents. May their substance never grow less, and their type increase.

Brother A. J. Kimmel, of Bear Creek, and